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President A. Ross Hill,

University of Missouri,

Columbia.

My dear President Hill:

I was very glad to get your letter, though I do not think that there is any likelihood that I shall present the name of Professor L. E. Young for our Deanship in Applied Science. At present I am not quite sure how we shall fill the position, but for the coming year it will be held by our Senior Professor. I am very anxious to secure a man of experience, both in academic life and in the practical work of Engineering. The man, however, is difficult to find.

I have heard with regret of the continued illness of Mrs. Hill. Your anxiety must be great, but I hope that it will soon be somewhat relieved. I can quite understand that it makes your already heavy burden much the harder to carry. This awful year, however, is like a heavy cloud overhanging us all. Of course there is no difference of opinion here. We all have been brought close to trouble, and already in the University we have lost a number either killed or wounded. We have 850 graduates or undergraduates either at the front or on the way.

I would judge from President Wilson's letter this morning that the horrible torpedoing of the "Lusitania", which was as stupid as it was inhuman, may perhaps bring the United States in to war. There is some doubt among us here as to whether that would be an advantage or not, but we cannot help agreeing with him in his present

stand, though some think that he might have protested against the brutalities in Belgium last autumn. His position, however, must be very difficult.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.